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(Same Memo to Under Secretary
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Candidate to head the "Special Operations" Group.

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1. [redacted] who has been head of the Special Procedures Group, under the provisions of SEC-4A, came to the Central Intelligence Agency after much pressure on our part and after we had received recommendations as to his ability from David Bruce and General Deane. From his previous qualifications and from the work he has done while with the Special Procedures Group, I think he may be an entirely satisfactory person to take charge of the "special operations" as envisioned by SEC 10. A very brief biography of [redacted] follows:

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2. I should like very much for you to see and talk to Mr. [redacted] on the subject of special procedures, at your convenience, for not more than ten minutes before any names to serve in charge of the "special operations" are definitely decided upon.

Signed - Dispatched by hand 7/6/48

R. M. WILLINGKETTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

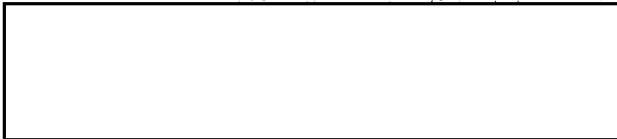
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